

# Southern Maine Library District

## Annual Report

### 2004 - 2005

**The purpose of the Maine Regional Library System is  
to promote improved service for the constituents of member libraries.**

*The Regional System includes the Central, Northeastern, and Southern Maine Library Districts*



#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Joan Bennert**, Greater Portland Landmarks, Portland; **Thomas Bennett**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Claire Doheny**, Berwick Academy, South Berwick (3);  
**Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library (2); **Suzanne Hamilton**, Yarmouth High School;  
**Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland (2); **Sheldon Kaye**, Portland Public Library (2); **Linda Lord**, Maine State Library (2); **Brigit McCallum**, Trustee, Waterboro Public Library; **Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough School Department (1); **Priscilla Payne**, Gray Public Library (1); **Elizabeth Reisz**, York School Department [Chair]; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Amber Tatnall**, York County Community College, Wells;  
**Barbara Thorpe**, Raymond Village Library (3)

*(1) appointed 5/20/05 (2) ex officio (3) term expired 5/20/05*

## SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 2004 – 2005



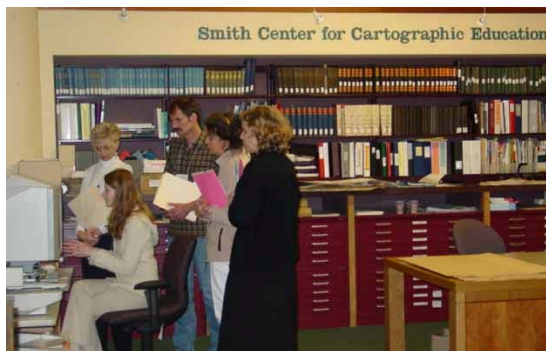
*2005 Certificate of Appreciation Recipients Anne Davis, Stephanie Limmer, Pamela Turner*



*Magicians at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Performers' Showcase in the Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick*



*"Smokey the Bear" at the 2004 Summer Reading Celebration "Discover New Trails"*



*Participants in the Osher Map Library's workshop at the Spring 2005 SMLD Council Meeting*



*SMLD Board members at the Annual Board Meeting held at Pineland Farms, New Gloucester*

**SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**Annual Report**  
**July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005**

**SMLD District Goals**

- I. Increase public awareness, use, and support of Maine libraries**
- II. Facilitate professional development**
- III. Encourage resource sharing and regional cooperation**
- IV. Foster literacy**
- V. Improve communication among libraries, library organizations, and other groups**
- VI. Foster improved library service**

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

**Anne Davis, Gardiner Public Library; Pamela Turner, Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham and Stephanie Limmer, Kennebunk Free Library**, were presented with SMLD Certificates of Appreciation at the 2005 Spring Council Meeting at the University of Southern Maine. They were recognized for their efforts to educate librarians and the public about the 2004 tax cap proposal. Anne is past chair of the Maine Library Association and Chair of their legislative committee. Pam and Stephanie volunteered to head their county delegations and serve as legislative coordinators. Established in 1984, Certificates are awarded to individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to SMLD libraries.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Children's Librarians** held three meetings during the year at public libraries in Biddeford, Gorham and Scarborough. The 35 staff who attended discussed the following topics: library resources on a shoestring, school and public library cooperation, and young adult programming. The meeting on cooperation was held jointly with school librarians.

A total of ten **children's and young adult book review meetings** were held at the Portland Public Library to review publisher copies of new books. Often resulting in lively discussions, the meetings also offer an opportunity to keep informed about current issues and professional development opportunities. Total attendance for the year was over 230; the group includes several professional reviewers including the current chair of the American Library Association's Caldecott Committee. A total of 2,458 books and audiovisual items from 80 publishers were processed for this program; librarians reviewed 97% of the hardcover titles, a 1% increase from last year.

A **videotape** of the May book review meeting was made for continuing education purposes in the other two library districts since they do not hold book review meetings.

A **Performers' Showcase** was held at the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick on September 15, 2004. At this 16<sup>th</sup> annual showcase 30 librarians from throughout the state were able to book performers for their programs and special events. This year's program included musicians, storytellers, and magicians.

**Public Library Director** Meetings were held to help solve common problems and to discuss current issues. There are four public library groups; they met 12 times during the year. These informal meetings were attended by over 85 librarians. A key attraction is the opportunity to see other libraries. At one of the meetings, members pitched in to help with a library makeover at the Davis Memorial Library in Limington – shelves were moved and collections were weeded, making the small space more attractive and easier to maneuver.

**School Librarian Meetings** were held at three SMLD school libraries and one special library [Maine Historical Society, Portland] to discuss the following topics: "Maine Memory Network," "School/Public Library Collaboration," "Student Learning: Measuring our Impact," and "The Research Process: Teaching Information Literacy, K-6." Over 60 school librarians attended the meetings.

## Trustee Forum

Almost 70 trustees and librarians attended “Alternate Sources of Funding” held at the Portland Public Library on May 5, 2005. **Brigit McCallum**, Waterboro Public Library trustee and SMLD Board member, served as host for the program. Speakers **Nancy Gustad**, York Public Library; **John Haederle**, BHC Consulting Group, LLC; **Laura Moorehead**, Bridgton Public Library; **Steve Nichols**, Maine Library Trustee Association; **Brenda Robinson**, Kennebunk Public Library; and **Bill Wahl**, Casco Public Library, talked about grants, fundraising, hiring new library directors, and regional trustee meetings.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Three renovation projects were completed this year: **Harrison Village Library** relocated to the former town hall; the **Brownfield Public Library** building was moved to a new site; and the **Glickman Family Library** at the University of Southern Maine in Portland refurbished the upper three vacant floors of its building. New construction projects included the **Scarborough High School Information Resource Center**; **Greeley Middle School, Cumberland**; **Kennebunk Elementary School**; and **Windham High School**; Under construction: **East End School, Portland**; and **Berwick Public Library**.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The fall meeting on “**Alternate Sources of Funding**” was held Friday, December 3, 2004, at the Portland Public Library with 85 attendees. Speakers were Chris Amann, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Maine Public Broadcasting, Lewiston; Kristi Calhoun, Development Director, Portland Public Library; Lila Dufy, Asst. Vice President, Maine Library Grants Program, MBNA Foundation, Belfast; Michelle Fontaine, Maine Philanthropy Center, USM, Portland; and Jane Kenneally, Director of Development, Goodwill Industries of Northern New England.

The spring meeting was held May 20, 2005 at the Glickman Family Library, USM/Portland with 80 participants in attendance. The topic was “**Literacies: Do It Right For Tomorrow Today.**” Keynote speaker Bette Manchester, Maine Department of Education, spoke about the effect of the laptop initiative. Workshops covered a variety of literacy services and programs – from map literacy to emergent literacy. Speakers included Barbara Merritt, Scarborough Schools; Susie Wright, Portland High School; Catherine Morrison and Denise Simms, Scarborough Public Library; Susie Bock and Yolanda Theunissen, University of Southern Maine, Portland; Sarah Cecil, Maine Reads; Jocelyn Hubbell, Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick; and Suzanne Sullivan and Elizabeth Tarasevich, Portland Public Library

## FAMILY SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

Maine authors Phil Hoose, Laura Rankin, and Wade Zahares gave talks to about 1,000 children and their parents at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration for summer reading participants held August 20, 2004, at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport. The Celebration focused on Maine’s statewide summer reading theme “Discover New Trails.” Children came from over half the public libraries in the District. A new feature of this year’s Celebration included a “scavenger hunt” with book prizes given to all children who completed the hunt. Other events -- special autographing sessions with the authors, a book cart drill team of librarians, a costumed Smokey the Bear,” and free rides on the restored historic trolleys.

## LIBRARY OF THE MONTH

The SMLD website featured the following libraries for its “**Library of the Month**” page: York Public Library [new building]; Maine Medical Center, Portland [renovation]; Gorham Middle School [new school]; Brown, Kaler and Small Elementary Schools, South Portland [new schools]; Caswell Library, Harrison [renovated town hall]; Biddeford Primary School [renovation] Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth [renovation and Centennial Celebration]; Windham High School [renovated library]; University of Southern Maine Glickman Family Library, Portland [renovated library]; and Scarborough High School [new library]. This website feature was begun in 2001 to provide information about member libraries, especially those in new or renovated buildings. The site includes building photos and information about staff, collections, and service.

## **MOBILE WIRELESS LAPTOP LAB**

In October 2004, the SMLD Board notified 30 rural SMLD public libraries of their eligibility to receive free laptops from the SMLD mobile lab. The lab, established in April 2000 for computer training, was disbanded in June 2004. With assistance from former project director and Maine School and Library Network Circuit Janet McKenney, six of the eligible libraries were selected to receive a laptop and a small cash amount for set-up costs. The lab was funded with a New Century Community grant and although the project was continued for three years after the grant period officially ended, it was disbanded in June 2004 when funds were no longer available for project staff or computer upgrades. Some of the remaining lab equipment is still being used for district training and projects.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

“**News Notes**,” the District’s newsletter for member libraries was published and mailed in August 2005, October 2004, February, 2005 and June 2005. It is also accessible on the SMLD web site. The newsletter includes a calendar of events, newsworthy items about member libraries, and statewide library news.

## **PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION**

Total items in the collection include 642 books, videos and audiocassettes with 19 new titles added during the year. The collection is listed on the SMLD web site and new titles are promoted in the district newsletter. Circulation for the year totaled 134 loans.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The SMLD Public Relations Committee compiled library **exhibits and demonstrations** for three events: the Portland Junior League’s Maine author celebration, “Blueberries & Moose” held at the Portland Public Market on May 7, 2005; the Elders Day program held at the Portland Expo on May 17, 2005; and the Portland Book, Paper, and Print Show held at the Portland Expo on June 12, 2005; this show included a demonstration of conservation and preservation repairs by Saco Librarian/Archivist Anastasia Weigle.

## **TRAVELING CREAM OF THE CROP CHILDREN’S AND YA BOOK COLLECTION.**

Compiled by SMLD for the annual “Reading Round-Up of Children’s and Young Adult Literature Conference”, the collection of recommended new books was loaned to the following schools and libraries: Bass Harbor Library, Bernard (July); Blue Hill Pubic Library (August); Rangeley Public Library (September); Hubbard Free Library, Hallowell and Gardiner Middle School (October/November); Wilton Free Public Library (December); Biddeford High School (January); Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham (February); Kennebunk Elementary School (March); York County Community College, Wells (April); Bangor Public Library (May); and Brooklin Elementary School (June).

## **WEBSITE**

The SMLD website was completely revised in March 2005 with the help of Ellen Wood, Maine State Library. It now conforms to state web accessibility standards. The design and navigational tools are coordinated with those on the Central Maine Library District site.

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## **AREA REFERENCE AND RESOURCE CENTER**

The Portland Public Library is the SMLD Area Reference and Resource Center (ARRC). In its role as an ARRC, it receives state aid for providing three major services for district libraries and patrons: interlibrary loan, backup reference service and free borrowers’ cards.

Of the 74,245 PPL borrowers cards, 24,140 are from SMLD borrowers; 1,920 *new* cards were issued to SMLD borrowers during the year.

This year the PPL Interlibrary Loan Department received 21,751 requests from all libraries and PPL patrons. Of that total, 13,705 were from SMLD libraries (63%). An overwhelming number of these SMLD requests were made via PPL web forms (94%). Requests were filled by PPL from its own collections (39%), by out of state libraries (28%), and by Maine libraries (21%). Requests were filled by libraries in 47 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Canada. The new statewide CD & L delivery system has reduced postage costs from \$25, 400 in FY 03 to \$11,950 the past year. The ILL Department notes an apparent trend -- patrons and libraries tend to use Maine Infonet for easily obtainable items, and to use traditional ILL for items not accessible in Maine.



## **MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND PROGRAMS**

### **Board Meetings**

October 1, 2004	Community Library, Lyman
November 5, 2004	Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham
February 4, 2005	University of Southern Maine, Portland
March 22, 2005	Portland Public Library
June 17, 2005	Pineland Farms, New Gloucester – Annual Meeting

### **Children's Librarians Meetings**

October 26, 2004	Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham	"Library Resources on a Shoestring"
January 27, 2005	Biddeford Primary School	"School/Public Library Cooperation"
May 24, 2005	Scarborough Public Library	"Reaching YAs/YA Programming"

### **Children's and Young Adult Book Review Meetings, Portland Public Library**

July 8, 2004; August 10, 2004; October 13, 2004; November 10, 2004; December 15, 2004; January 19, 2005; February 9, 2005; March 16, 2005; May 11, 2005; June 8, 2005

### **Consumer Health Workshop**

July 12, 2004	University of Southern Maine, Portland
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### **Council Meetings**

December 3, 2004	Portland Public Library	"Alternate Sources of Funding"
May 20, 2005	USM Library, Portland	"Literacies: Do It Right For Tomorrow Today"

### **Orientation for New SMLD Member Libraries and Librarians**

October 28, 2004	Portland Public Library
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### **Public Library Director Meetings**

September 16, 2004	Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham	Chattering Cheeses
September 17, 2004	Springvale Public Library	Talking Heads
October 29, 2004	Spaulding Memorial Library, Sebago	Loose Librarians
November 12, 2004	Dyer Library, Saco	Talking Heads
January 21, 2005	South Portland Public Library	Talking Heads
January 28, 2005	Naples Public Library	Loose Librarians
January 28, 2005	Limerick Public Library	Yapping Yorkies
March 4, 2005	McArthur Public Library, Biddeford	Talking Heads
March 31, 2005	Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham	Chattering Cheeses
April 29, 2005	Harrison Village Library	Loose Librarians
May 10, 2005	Hollis Center Public Library	Yapping Yorkies
June 21, 2005	Davis Memorial Library, Limington	Yapping Yorkies

### **Public Relations Committee Meetings**

July 20, 2004, Rockland Public Library [statewide]; August 26, 2004 via ATM – Falmouth High School [statewide]; September 14, 2004 Portland Public Library; November 23, 2004, Mercy Hospital; January 20, 2005, Portland Public Library; March 16, 2005, Mercy Hospital; May 4, 2005, Mercy Hospital

### **School Library Meetings**

November 8, 2004	Maine Historical Society, Portland	"Maine Memory Network"
January 27, 2005	Biddeford Primary School	"School/Public Library Collaboration"
March 14, 2005	Windham High School	"Student Learning: Measuring Impact"
March 30, 2005	Yarmouth Elementary School	"Teaching Information Literacy, K-6"

### **Special Events and Programs**

August 20, 2004	4 <sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Celebration, Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport
Sept. 15, 2004	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Performers' Showcase, Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick
May 5, 2005	Annual Public Library Trustee Forum, Portland Public Library

### **Summer Reading Celebration Committee, Dyer Library, Saco**

Aug. 10, 2004; Dec. 6, 2004; Jan. 18, 2005; Jan. 24, 2005; Mar. 14, 2005; Apr. 25, 2005; June 20, 2005

## **STAFF**

District Consultant, **Shirley Helfrich**; Secretary, **Elaine Bissonnette**

## **VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES**

Children's Book Review Hostesses: **Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Virginia Calvo**, Acton Elementary School; **Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Sheila Dube**, Springvale Public Library; **Laurie Dunlap**, Frank Jewett School, West Buxton; **Barbara Fertig**, Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth; **Phyllis Fuchs**, Brunswick; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Jan Hamilton**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Kathie Harper**, Cumberland; **Sally Leahey**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Susan Levine**, Brunswick; **Joanne Libby**, Freeport Community Library; **Joyce Martin**, University of Southern Maine; **Kelley McDaniel**, King Middle School, Portland; **Margaret McNamee**, Biddeford High School; **Melissa Orth**, Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick; **Laurel Parker**, Windham Public Library; **Sybil Shiland**, H. B. Emery School; **Georgeanne Small**, Biddeford; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Virginia Stelk**, Peaks Island; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library; **Margaret Wentworth**, Durham; **Kris Zuidema**, Edna Libby School, Sebago Lake

Cream of the Crop: **Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Kathie Harper**, Cumberland; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford

Nominating: **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Amber Tatnall** (Chair), York County Community College, Wells

Public Relations: **Marjorie Anderson**, Mercy Hospital, Portland; **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Carolyn Hughes**, University of Southern Maine, Portland; **Lisa Joyce**, Portland Public Library; **Lynn McCarthy**, Riverton School, Portland; **Rachel Quenk**, Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth

Summer Reading: **Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Kirsten Cappy**, CuriousCity; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; **Phil Morse**, Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport; **Martha Perkins**, Dyer Library, Saco

Trustee Forum: **Kathy Cabana**, South Portland; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Brigit McCallum**, Trustee, Waterboro Public Library; **Steve Nichols**, Trustee, West Buxton Public Library

## **OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET: \$9,200.00**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Books/AV/Subscriptions	\$ 200.00	\$ 543.10
Cont. Educ./Staff Development	1,000.00	\$1,837.62
Contractual Services	100.00	\$ 150.00
Equipment/Software	140.00	\$ 324.68
Parking	540.00	\$ 540.00
Phone	300.00	\$ 260.84
Photocopier Rental	1,320.00	\$1,210.00
Postage	1,200.00	\$1,129.37
Printing/Photocopying	1,200.00	\$ 675.95
Promotion & Publicity	100.00	\$ 69.30
Supplies	700.00	\$ 887.98
Travel	<u>2,400.00</u>	\$1,577.54
 SUB-TOTAL	 \$9,200.00	 \$9,206.38
 BALANCE		 \$ - 6.38

*Statement date June 30, 2005*

## MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM PROJECTS

*The following projects were completed by the three library Districts in the Maine Regional Library System -- Central, Northeastern and Southern.*

### AWARDS FOR LIBRARY EXCELLENCE

The **Patten Free Library in Bath** and the **Camden Public Library** were given the first Maine Library Excellence Awards (plaques and cash prizes) at the Maine Libraries annual conference in October 2004. The Bath library was recognized for its community reads program, the first in Maine; it grew to include four other Maine libraries. The Camden library received an award for its "Connections" program, a series of exhibits and programs produced in cooperation with local businesses and nonprofit organizations. Five out of state judges represented library, trustee and Friends organizations. This new program to recognize outstanding Maine library services and programs was developed by a committee representing the Maine Regional Library Districts, the Maine Library Association, Friends of Maine Libraries, the Maine Library Trustee Association, and several at large members.

### CAMPAIGN ON LIBRARY PUBLIC AWARENESS

The "**Maine Libraries – Something for Everyone**" campaign continued this year with exhibits, promotional items, articles in newspapers and magazines, and changes to the campaign's web site (<http://www.mainerlibraries.com>.) This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the statewide public awareness campaign begun with New Century Community grant funds.

Among the highlights of the past year was a press conference and exhibit of library award winners at the State Capitol on January 13, 2005 during **Maine Libraries Week**. Almost 100 Maine legislators, library patrons, library staff, and members of the public attended. Senate President Beth Edmonds made a moving speech about libraries and introduced the award winners: J. Gary Nichols, Librarian of the Year; Chris van Dusen, Lupine Award; Cynthia Voigt, Katahdin children's lifetime achievement book award; Camden Public Library and Patten (Bath) Free Library for the 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Library Excellence Awards; Kathy Foss, Maine Media Specialist of the Year, and Lewiston Public Library for the New York Times Award. First Lady Karen Baldacci was on hand to congratulate the winners.

The campaign continues under the auspices of the three District public relations committees. These committees plan events in the districts and cooperate on statewide projects.

### COOPERATIVE PROJECTS

Among projects completed were plans for the first **cooperative summer reading celebrations** in August 2004 by the Southern and Central library districts, and a **library borrowers' cooperative** in the Greater Portland area that included a pilot project between the Portland and South Portland public libraries.

### FRIENDS OF MAINE LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

The District Consultants were keynote speakers at the statewide annual Friends of Maine Libraries Conference held September 24, 2004 at the Senator Inn in Augusta. Each consultant described aspects of the Regional Library System, District services for Friends groups, and unique Friends organizations.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS' INSTITUTE

A new feature of this year's **Annual Public Library Directors' Institute** included a separate program to orient new library directors. This session, held June 13 at the Maine State Library for 16 new directors, included a review of library legislation, library associations, and a tour of the State Library. Over 70 directors attended the Institute on June 14, 2005 at the Augusta Civic Center. It covered a wide range of topics – from liability insurance to web site design, capitol campaigns, maintenance of library records, and updates on current library issues by representatives from the Maine Library Commission, Maine State Library, Maine Library Association, and Maine Regional Library System Consultants.



## READING ROUND-UP OF CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

**Ashley Bryan**, internationally recognized author, illustrator, poet, and storyteller, delivered the keynote address, "**Poetry: Reading, Rhyming & Rhythm**" at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Reading Round-Up of Children's & Young Adult Literature held at the Augusta Civic Center on April 14, 2005. The conference sold out with over 350 librarians and teachers in attendance. The majority were from school libraries. In addition to the display of outstanding new books – "Cream of the Crop" – 12 workshops were held: beginning readers to transitional readers, global awareness through poetry and art, new Maine books, teens and poetry, book discussion groups, stories through poetry, lap songs and stories for babies and toddlers, poetry and percussion, Maine student book awards, and reading incentive programs.

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### STATEWIDE MEETINGS

#### Public Library Excellence Awards Committee

July 14, 2004	Scarborough Public Library
August 25, 2004	Dyer Library, Saco
November 30, 2004	Topsham Public Library
February 9, 2005	Topsham Public Library

#### Reading Round-Up Committee, Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick

September 16, 2004; October 5, 2004; November 3, 2004; December 1, 2004; January 5, 2005; March 2, 2005; May 26, 2005 ~ Brunswick

#### Special Events and Programs

April 14, 2005	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Reading Round-Up	Augusta Civic Center
June 13/14, 2005	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Public Library Directors' Institute	Augusta Civic Center

### STATEWIDE COMMITTEES

Public Library Excellence Award: **Sally Bannen** (Maine Library Association representative), Windham Public Library; **Sue Moseley** (Friends of Maine Libraries representative), Hallowell; **Andrea Jackson-Darling**, Camden Public Library; **Dottie Morales**, Camden Public Library; **Steve Nichols** (Maine Library Trust Association representative), West Buxton; **Anne Philips**, Patten Free Library, Bath; EX OFFICIO: **Benita Davis**, Northeastern Maine Library District, Bangor; **Bonnie Dwyer**, Central Maine Library District, Augusta; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; 2004 STEERING COMMITTEE: Jane Gillis (Friends of Maine Libraries), Scarborough

Reading Round-Up: Chair: **Amy Perryman**, Camden Public Library; **Rita Bouchard**, St. Mary's School, Augusta; **Nancy Diamond**, Manchester Elementary School; **Jan Hamilton**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Chair; **Carolyn Mitchell**, Waynflete School, Portland; **Melora Norman**, Maine State Library, Augusta; **Kristin Peto**, Scarborough Public Library; **Virginia Rundell**, North Gorham Public Library; **Wende Sairio**, Longfellow School, Brunswick

**MEMBERSHIP** [157: 70 public, 49 school systems (190 individual schools), 8 academic, 30 special libraries]

### **Public Libraries**

Acton Public Library ~ Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham ~ Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills ~ Berwick Public Library ~ Bolsters Mills Village Library, Harrison ~ Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish ~ Bridgton Public Library ~ Brownfield Public Library ~ Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin ~ Cape Porpoise Library ~ Casco Public Library ~ Caswell Public Library, Harrison ~ Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library, Lovell ~ Chebeague Island Library ~ Cliff Island Stone Library ~ Community Library, Lyman ~ Cundy's Harbor Library, Harpswell ~ Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick ~ D. A. Hurd Library, North Berwick ~ Davis Memorial Library, Limington ~ Denmark Public Library ~ Dyer Library, Saco ~ Falmouth Memorial Library ~ Freeport Community Library ~ Fryeburg Public Library ~ Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford ~ Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport ~ Gray Public Library ~ Hollis Center Public Library ~ Kennebunk Free Library ~ Kezar Falls Circulating Library ~ Lebanon Area Library, East Lebanon ~ Libby Memorial Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Limerick Public Library ~ Long Island Community Library ~ McArthur Public Library, Biddeford ~ Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth ~ Naples Public Library ~ New Gloucester Public Library ~ North Bridgton Public Library ~ North Gorham Public Library ~ Ocean Park Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Ogunquit Memorial Library ~ Orr's Island Library, Harpswell ~ Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred ~ Parsonsfield Public Library ~ Portland Public Library\* ~ Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Center ~ Raymond Village Library ~ Rice Public Library, Kittery ~ Richville Library, Sebago Lake ~ Salmon Falls Village Library, Hollis Center ~ Scarborough Public Library ~ Shapleigh Community Library ~ Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram ~ South Berwick Public Library ~ South Portland Public Library ~ Spaulding Memorial Library, Sebago ~ Springvale Public Library ~ Steep Falls Library ~ Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth ~ Village Library and Reading Room, Newfield ~ Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Waterboro Public Library, East Waterboro ~ Wells Public Library ~ West Buxton Public Library ~ William Fogg Library, Eliot ~ Windham Public Library ~ York Public Library

### **School Libraries**

Acton Schools ~ Arundel Schools ~ Berwick Academy, South Berwick ~ Biddeford Schools ~ Breakwater School, Portland ~ Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton ~ Cape Elizabeth Schools ~ Cathedral Grammar School, Portland ~ Catherine McAuley High School, Portland ~ Cheverus High School, Portland ~ Falmouth Schools ~ Freeport Schools ~ Fryeburg Academy ~ Gorham Schools ~ Gov. Baxter School for the Deaf, Falmouth Foreside ~ Greater Portland Christian School, Portland ~ Kittery Schools ~ Levey Hebrew Day School, Portland ~ Merriconeag School, South Freeport ~ New Country School, West Baldwin ~ North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth ~ Old Orchard Beach Schools ~ Portland Schools ~ Raymond Schools ~ St. Patrick's School, Portland ~ St. Thomas School, Sanford ~ Sanford Schools ~ Scarborough Schools ~ South Portland Schools ~ Thornton Academy, Saco ~ Waynflete School, Portland ~ Westbrook Schools ~ Windham Schools ~ Windham R.E.A.L. School ~ Yarmouth Schools ~ York Schools ~ SAD #6 (Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Standish) ~ SAD #15 (Gray, New Gloucester) ~ SAD #35 (Eliot, South Berwick) ~ SAD #51 (Cumberland, North Yarmouth) ~ SAD #55 (Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, Porter) ~ SAD #57 (Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro) ~ SAD #60 (Berwick, Lebanon, North Berwick) ~ SAD #61 (Bridgton, Casco, Naples, Sebago) ~ SAD #62 (Pownal) ~ SAD #71 (Kennebunk, Kennebunkport) ~ SAD #72 (Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell) ~ Union #7 (Dayton, Saco) ~ \*CSD #18 (Wells, Ogunquit)

### **Academic Libraries**

Andover College, Portland ~ Maine College of Art, Portland ~ New England Bible College, South Portland ~ St. Joseph's College, Windham ~ Southern Maine Community College, South Portland ~ University of New England, Biddeford/Westbrook ~ University of Southern Maine, Portland/Gorham ~ York County Community College, Wells

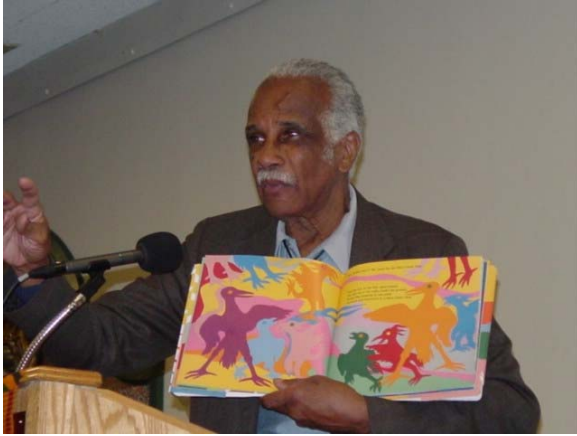
### **Special Libraries**

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Portland ~ Bridgton Hospital ~ Cleaves Law Library, Portland ~ Cumberland County Jail, Portland ~ Drummond, Woodsum, Plimpton & MacMahon, Portland ~ First Baptist Church of Yarmouth ~ Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough ~ Donald J. Garbrecht Law Library, Portland ~ General Theological Center of Maine, Portland ~ Goodall Hospital, Sanford ~ Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. ~ Harding ESE, Portland (formerly ABB Environmental Services, Inc.) ~ Historical Society of Wells/Ogunquit Genealogical Library ~ Jones Museum, Tinney Memorial Library, Douglas Hill-Sebago ~ Lakes Center Library, Bridgton ~ Long Creek Development Center, South Portland (formerly Maine Youth Center) ~ Maine Correctional Center, South Windham ~ Maine Historical Society, Portland ~ Maine Medical Center, Portland ~ Mercy Hospital, Portland ~ Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick ~ Old York Historical Society, York ~ Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley, Keddy, Portland ~ Portland Museum of Art ~ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery ~ Sappi Fine Paper, Westbrook ~ Shaker Library, Poland Spring ~ Southern Maine Medical Center, Biddeford ~ Woodard & Curran, Portland ~ York Hospital

\* Area Reference and Resource Center for the Southern Maine Library District

**New Member: St. Thomas School, Sanford**

MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS 2004 – 2005



*Maine author Ashley Bryan at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Reading Round-Up Conference of Children's and Young Adult Literature, Augusta*



*Speaker Peter Hall and Nancy Crowell, Director Scarborough Public Library at the Public Library Directors' Institute*

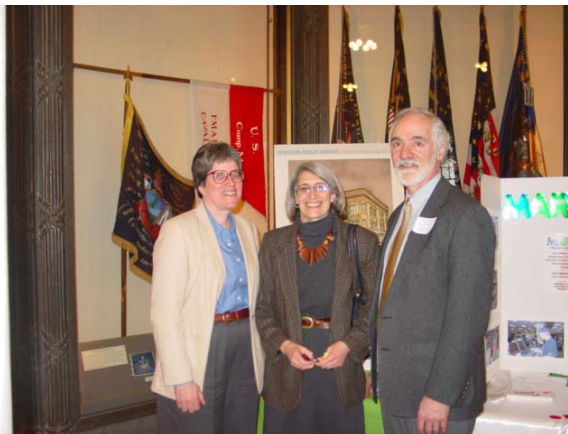
*1<sup>st</sup> Maine Libraries Excellence Award winners*



*Anne Phillips, Patten Free Library, Bath*



*Camden Public Library Director Elizabeth Moran and staff member Dottie Morales*



*Senator Peggy Rotundo (center), and Lewiston Public Library Director Rick Speer at the 2005 Hall of Flags exhibit*



*Award winning Maine authors Chris van Dusen and Cynthia Voigt with Senate President Beth Edmonds (middle) in the State Capitol*



# Library of the Month

## July 2004 – June 2005



*From left to right: York Public Library[new library]; Maine Medical Center, Portland [renovation]; Gorham Middle School [new school]; Kaler, Brown, and Small Elementary Schools, South Portland [new schools]; Harrison Village Library [renovated town hall]; Biddeford Primary School [recently renovated]; Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth [renovation]; Windham High School [renovated library]; University of Southern Maine Glickman Family Library, Portland [renovated library]; Scarborough High School [new library]*